

## THE IRS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I hold right here in my hands evidence that the IRS is acting illegally against the hard working men and women of this country. Despite the fact that quotas were outlawed 9 years ago, an inner-office memorandum that I received in my office clearly shows that the IRS continues to use quotas. IRS employees note that they are hounded by their superiors to bring in a predetermined amount of money, rather than the correct amount actually owed by the taxpayer. If they hope to receive promotions, these IRS employees are told they must meet the monthly quota by collecting amounts that these employees know to be above the actual amount due.

Mr. Speaker, this is an outrage. It is wrong by anyone's standard and it must be stopped. The IRS must be held accountable for their actions. I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring the bipartisan IRS Restructuring and Reform Act. Let us put an end to the outrageous and illegal abuse of power by this bloated Federal bureaucracy.

## GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY CONGRESSIONAL BASKETBALL CLASSIC

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. I rise this morning to encourage all Members and staff and others who are interested to attend the annual, semiannual, I should say, Gallaudet University congressional basketball classic in which the Democrats and the Republicans play against each other. The Dunkin' Donkeys, as the Democrats are known, will play the Fighting Elephants on Wednesday, October 8, which is tomorrow, at 7 p.m. Admission is free. It is at Gallaudet University. That is the national university for the deaf and hearing impaired. I happen to be a board member along with the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LAHOOD]. It is a great place.

We are raising funds for the university. It is being sponsored by the NBA, the Washington Wizards, COMSAT and the Milwaukee Bucks, HERB KOHL's Milwaukee Bucks. We encourage everyone to come out. It is a great evening. It is lots of fun. The Republicans have a very good team. They won last year, I think by two points. We are the underdogs but we are up for it and we look forward to seeing everybody there cheering us on.

## ETHICS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, so what is the latest from the most ethical administration in history? Well, the same administration that gave us Webster Hubbell, Mike Espy, Hazel O'Leary, Ron Brown, John Huang, Craig Livingstone and countless witnesses with law degrees from Yale and Harvard who just cannot quite recall whenever they are hauled before a congressional committee, now give us incomplete tapes of White House coffees.

But with this administration we just do not know what we are going to get next. First we have documents which were subpoenaed by the special counsel suddenly turn up in the White House book room 2 years later. We have the guy put in charge of the White House security operation who somehow ends up with 900 FBI files of Republicans; and, oh yes, no one can seem to recall who hired this guy.

Then we have over 50 people who have either fled the country or taken the fifth in order to avoid telling us what they know about illegal foreign campaign contributions. Now we learn about the existence of tapes of White House fundraisers, I mean coffees, which conveniently are released just after the Attorney General says the coffees are OK. Stay tuned. The soap opera continues.

## EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, France has cut a \$2 billion natural gas deal with Iran, that is right, Iran. And the 15 European nations told Uncle Sam to butt out, "It is not your business, Uncle Sam." Unbelievable. Was it Uncle Sam's business when hundreds of thousands of Americans died to liberate France and Europe from Nazi rule? Is it Uncle Sam's business to protect Europe with NATO dollars? Is Bosnia our business?

Unbelievable, folks. Iran gets \$2 billion from France, Iran buys missiles from China and Russia. Iran points missiles at Uncle Sam. Beam me up. France and Europe are a bunch of asset kissers. We are financing it. I say it is time to send Europe a big fat bill. Maybe then they will appreciate freedom and Uncle Sam.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are guests of the House and that any manifestations of approval or disapproval of the proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

## A SIMPLE, FAIR TAX SYSTEM

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the Internal Revenue Service is creating real problems for many Americans. People in my district did not need to see congressional hearings to know this. Too many of them have been entangled in IRS red tape.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to see that the issue of IRS reform is finally getting the national attention it deserves. It is time for the debate to start about how to save the American taxpayer from the IRS burden. Americans spend 5 billion hours and \$225 billion preparing their tax returns annually.

The American taxpayer has been overburdened long enough. In addition to the need for IRS reform, it is time to reform the Tax Code. The Congress owes the American taxpayer a simpler, fairer tax system.

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## BREAST CANCER CARE PETITION DRIVE

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues this morning to visit a new site on the Internet called the on-line Breast Cancer Care Petition Drive. It is located at [breastcare.shn.com](http://breastcare.shn.com).

The site offers people a chance across this country to sign a petition calling for hearings on two very important bills, H.R. 135 and H.R. 164, the first legislation to ban drive-through mastectomies and the second bill to require insurance companies that now cover mastectomies to also cover reconstructive breast surgery.

Perhaps more impressive than the petition itself is the part of the site that allows people to post their own perspectives on, and experience with, breast cancer and tell their poignant stories. One survivor wrote:

There are real tears being shed by real women every day across the country. They are your neighbors, your colleagues, your kids' teachers, the clerk at the grocery store. Breast cancer survivors have enough to deal with. Do the right thing, Congress, pass this legislation and help make the tears fewer for those who will follow us.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to visit this [breastcare.shn.com](http://breastcare.shn.com) and help get this legislation through Congress.

## THE WHITE HOUSE COFFEE COLLECTION VIDEOTAPES

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, now from the White House tapes and records comes the coffee collection: The first tape, "The Fugitive", starring Charlie Trie, Pauline

Kanchanalak, and John Huang. The next one, "Liar, Liar", an interview, Harold Ickes and Don Fowler. "True Lies", an FEC review of the DNC financial report. "Rent", filmed on location in the Lincoln bedroom. "The Conspiracy Theory", starring FRED THOMPSON and DAN BURTON. "Devil's Advocate", starring Janet Reno. "Independent Counselor's Day", starring HENRY HYDE. "Indiana Al in the Buddhist Temple of Doom". "The Con Heir Apparent and Michael Crittendon's Lost Words", starring John Huang on closed caption, where he is seen saying, in the words of Jerry McGuire, "Show me the money."

But, remember, unlike the Lincoln bedroom, these tapes and videos are not for rent. You have to get them with a subpoena. So see a lawyer near you and join up today. Get your coffee collector's video series from White House Productions.

#### SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise on behalf of the people of North Carolina to call for aggressive action to crack down on juvenile violence.

Just 2 weeks ago two teenage brothers, in a stolen vehicle on I-95 outside Fayetteville shot and killed two North Carolina law enforcement officers with a military style AK-47 assault rifle. The victims were a state trooper, Ed Lowry, and Cumberland County sheriff's deputy David Hathcock, gunned down in the line of duty. The authorities in Harnett County arrested these culprits after an extensive chase.

Like my North Carolina neighbors, I was shocked and appalled by this senseless tragedy that has shattered the community and taken these two heroes' lives. Trooper Lowry was a 23-year veteran of the patrol, and Deputy Hathcock had been on the force for 17 years. More than 3,000 mourners attended the memorial services to express sympathy to the victims' families.

Mr. Speaker, law enforcement officers put their lives on the line day in and day out to keep our streets and neighborhoods and communities safe from these types of juveniles and thugs. Police officers need our help and support as they do their increasingly difficult job.

In the name of Ed Lowry and David Hathcock, I call on this Congress to pass tough and smart legislation to help these brave men and women fight juvenile crime.

#### LOCAL JUDGE'S RULING VETOES SCHOOL CLEAN-UP

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, last week-end the city of Washington witnessed a wonderful phenomenon on the mall. A million men came from all over the country for the "Promise Keepers" rally to pray for their wives, their children and for their nation's leaders. But even more remarkable was the fact that thousands of these men—carpenters, painters, and electricians—decided to leave something more tangible behind.

According to the Washington Times, 2,000 Promise Keepers went to Taft Jr. High School—the most dilapidated school in Washington, and turned it into the cleanest. The incredible thing is that thousands more men wanted to go into every single dilapidated school in Washington, D.C., paint them, clean them, and repair them so they would be fit for our children to occupy. Unbelievably, a local superior court judge in Washington named Kaye Christian prevented them from doing it.

Today, Mr. Speaker, children all over the District of Columbia are going into some of the most substandard schools in our country, and the parents of those children have a right to know from that judge why she did not heed President Clinton and Colin Powell's call for volunteerism. She should have let those children be educated today in schools that are clean, safe and fit for occupation. Because of her order, a great opportunity to do something for needy children was lost.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE MADE THIS NATION STRONG

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, with nine out of every ten children in America attending public schools, Democrats understand that we need to rebuild and reform our public schools, not destroy them. Yes, our public schools have problems, some serious problems, but we should not dismantle public education in this country.

Public education has been the great equalizer allowing youngsters from every social stratum, from every economic background, whatever gender, to be able to realize their potential and their God given talents.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have a plan that would drain funds from America's public schools, put that money into private schools and private education. Speaker GINGRICH wants to impose this experimental voucher program on school districts all across this country.

We have a message for the Speaker: Our children are not his guinea pigs. Democrats will not allow this experiment to go forward.

It is our public schools that have made this Nation strong. It has put the American dream within reach of all of

our children and Democrats want to improve and not destroy America's public school system.

#### VICE PRESIDENT GORE WARNS OF OVERPOPULATION

(Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, Vice President AL GORE warned the other day that overpopulation fosters global warming. He suggested expanding birth control and abortion programs in developing countries would help reduce the environmental threat. Noting that Third World nations are producing too many children too fast, in addition to too much pollution, Mr. GORE said it is time to ignore the controversy over family planning and cut out-of-control population growth.

This is the man that says there is not enough spotted owls, there is not enough trees on the planet, but we have too many children being born. What is wrong with this picture? Too many children being born in the Third World nations.

He said one way that we can cut the child mortality rate in this speech was by aborting them before they could be born. Again, what is wrong with this picture? Kill them before they are born so we can cut child mortality rates?

I think Mr. GORE is in real trouble with that kind of argument.

#### INVEST IN PUBLIC EDUCATION; NOT A PRIVILEGED FEW

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing more important than our children's education. That is why Democrats want to invest in our classrooms, our teachers, our crumbling school buildings and in our children's future.

Since they came to power, Republicans have vowed to cut education. Now they propose taking millions out of public education and putting it into vouchers, allowing a privileged few to attend private schools. We should not punish the many to help a privileged few. That is not right, it is not fair, it is not just. That is why Democrats will continue to stand. We will continue to fight for quality education for every child.

Abolish the Department of Education, end the school lunch program, cut funding for education, and now divert money to private schools. That is the Republican education plan. Is it any wonder the American people do not trust their children's education in the hands of Speaker GINGRICH?